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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowed and allowable claims and is grateful for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone conference on April 11, 2006. During that discussion, the limitation "subsequently" in claim 31 was discussed.

The amendment above clarifies claim 31 so that the establishing step is unquestionably subsequent to or after the forming step.

Applicant respectfully submits that neither one of claims 31 or 33 can be considered anticipated by the *Bauer* reference. That reference teaches a portion of a rope 11 that provides designations along a length of the rope. That portion 11 must be incorporated into the rope during the formation of the rope. That is not the same as forming a load bearing member and then establishing markings on an exterior of it after the forming of it. In other words, the sequence of steps recited in claim 31 is distinct from what is shown in the *Bauer* reference. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 31 and 33 are allowable along with the other claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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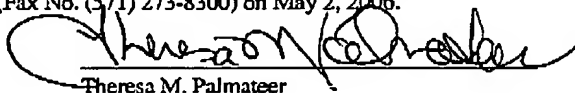
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